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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence *PW*
FROM : Director of Current Intelligence
SUBJECT : Additional Use of NID Feature Articles

1. You have several times expressed some concern that material presented in "feature" form in the NID might not be utilized for other purposes. It has always been our policy to make all material in the NID, except that which is restricted for security reasons, available to any of our readers who can make use of it. Because of your interest, however, I have taken another look at the situation and am satisfied that we are doing just that.

2. It is standard practice for these articles to be reprinted in the appropriate regional editions of Staff Notes. The dissemination lists of these editions include all the policy and intelligence officers directly concerned with the particular area up to the Assistant Secretary level. In addition, OCI Divisions are encouraged to find ways to use these materials as Bulletin review pieces, as separate memoranda, or as Weekly Special Reports, although not all features are susceptible to this kind of treatment. Finally, it is Office practice for any articles issued in a series to be collected and republished under one cover.

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3. A few recent examples:

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--The article on Chou En-lai prepared following your meeting with the Chinese last week was published in abbreviated form [redacted] and in full length (and fully coordinated) [redacted] CIB. We will also republish it in the next issue of the China Staff Notes if it is still timely then. This piece is in large part an unusually extensive treatment of the evidence on a current topic and therefore is not suitable for release as a memorandum.

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--Each article in the lengthy Soviet leadership series was republished in a subsequent issue of the Soviet Staff Notes. In addition, a memorandum containing the collected series has been widely disseminated. Twelve copies of the Codeword version were sent out, including copies to Kissinger, Schlesinger, Sonnenfeldt and Hyland. A sanitized Secret version was also prepared and twenty-four copies of this were distributed to senior officials in Washington. (These figures do not include CIA internal dissemination.) [redacted]

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--The feature on Ponomarev was, of course, republished in the Soviet Staff Notes. You will remember that we also converted it to blind memorandum form for use with various people on the Hill who were to meet Ponomarev, and also for certain officials in the Executive Branch, like Secretary Dent, who do not usually receive our product.

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